

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 07, 2015

TO: Sanctuary Advisory Council Representatives

FROM: Julia Leo, Program Specialist

RE: Next SAC Meeting: Friday, May 15th, 2015

The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council will meet in Santa Barbara on **Friday**, **May 15th, 2015** from **9:00 am to 3:30 pm** at Casa Las Palmas (323 E. Cabrillo Blvd). Please join us! A draft meeting agenda, driving directions and meeting materials will be sent as email attachments and web links, and posted prior to the meeting at http://channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/meeting announcements.html.

This Sanctuary Advisory Council meeting will feature important and interesting presentations, updates, and discussions, including the following:

- Superintendent's Report;
- **Student presentation** on water quality projects with 6th graders from Hollister Elementary School;
- Updates on a proposed **fiber optic cable project** from the U.S. Navy;
- Presentation from Dr. Gretchen Hofmann and Lydia Kapsenberg (UCSB Marine Science Institute) on their **ocean acidification** work;
- Presentation from Bob Leeworthy, Chief Economist for NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, highlighting findings from **new sanctuary economic reports**;
- Update on the Chumash Tribal Marine Protected Area Project;
- Presentation from Visit Santa Barbara; and
- Reports from active **working groups**, including the council's Marine Shipping Working Group as well as an update from the Research Activities Panel.

Please review emailed materials and web links prior to the meeting.

At the meeting, we will use the screen to display most materials, but you may also wish to have your own printed copy of some items. We appreciate your continued cooperation with our "electronic packet", saving us time, money and resources. If you need assistance obtaining a printed copy of something, just let us know.

Please RSVP to Julia.Leo@noaa.gov for 1) your attendance at the meeting, and 2) if you would like to join us for a catered lunch at \$8.00-\$10.00 per person. To help us order the correct amount of food, please RSVP on this, either way. If you have questions about the agenda or any of the online materials, please contact me at <u>julia.leo@noaa.gov</u> or 805-893-6427.

Finally, we encourage carpooling to the meeting, as well as helping us to reduce material use and waste by bringing your own coffee mug or other beverage container. Thank you, and drive safely!

